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CHOIR PLANS CONCERTS FOR SPRING SEASON

Arrangements Completed for Important Engagements in Rochester, Buffalo, and Rome

SINGS AT UTICA

Will Enter Eisteddfod Competition for Eastern Colleges

With last Monday's Utica concert as an opener the College Choir started its series of spring concerts. A weekend trip to Rochester and Buffalo on April 30 and May 1, a performance in Rome on May 15, and the regular Commencement program have all been scheduled for the Choir.

The Utica concert of choral music given last Monday evening before a large audience in The First Presbyterian Church of Utica was accorded the same generous reception which has been given the Choir everywhere, The recital was under the auspices of "The Men of the First Church" and was for the beneefit of the Utica Rescue Mission.

The program was devoted to a rendition of Holy Week Music.

The program:

Part One; My Chosen King is Christ the Lord, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); Two Responses, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1526-1594); Adoramus Te, Christe!, Periti Autem Fulgebunt, Felix Mendelssohn- Bartholdy (1809-1847).

Part Two: Hear My Prayer, Alexander Kopylov (1854-....); The Inn, a Fifteenth Century French Carol; Into the Woods My Master Went, George B. Nevin.

Part Three: Ave Maria, Victor E. Nessler; O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly, Johann Sebastian Bach; Steal Away to Jesus, a Negro Spiritual. O Sacred Head Now Wounded, Johann Leonard Hasler (1601), harmonized by J. S. Bach.

The next appearance of the choir, as arranged by Wallace B. Johnson, '15, manager of the club, will be in Kilbourn Hall of the Eastman Theater in Rochester on the evening of April 30. This concert has been arranged by the Hamilton alumni of the Rochester district under the leadership of Ernest Heyl, '99, and Har-

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NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE TO LIBRARY

When the Library building was planned in 1913, it was believed that the stacks provided ample shelving space for years to come. Within 10 years, however, the book accommodations of the building began to be seriously crowded and consideration was given to the possibility of enlarging the Library building by means of a wing across the back. Plans for this addition were drawn, but it was found impracticable to carry them out immediately, and temporary relief from overcrowding was obtained when the scientific collections were moved to the new Science Hall. Last year it became apparent that more space for books must be secured, and it was proposed to the trustees that the memorial hall be adapted to library purposes. Plans were prepared and submitted to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds of the Board of Trustees, and were subsequently completed by Messrs. Bagg and Newkirk, architects. It was hoped that the work of rebuilding could be completed during the last summer, but unforseen delays kept postponing operations until just before Spring Recess.

The present alterations provide for two rooms each 32 by 33 feet and a small room between, which will serve as a stack room. The room to the left of the entrance will be known as the Art Room. It will hold all of the books on art, and will serve as a class room for those taking Art Courses. The room will be well ebuipped with reading tables and lamps. The room to the right of the entrance will be known as the "Treasure Room." It will house all the manuscripts and rare books of which there are some 3,000. There are no side windows in the Memorial Hall, and the rooms will be lighted by a large skylight. On dark days, light will be furnished by large electric lights installed in the ceiling.

Slight alterations have also been made in the Soper Gymnasium during the past week. The small balcony and the stairway leading to it at the south end of the Gym have been torn down.

CALENDAR

Wednesday

Senior Reception at the home of President Ferry at 8:5.

Thursday

Choir rehearsal at 7:45.

Saturday

Trustee meeting at 9.

Baseball game with Syracuse at 2:15.

Sunday

Chapel Preacher: President Clarence A. Barbour of Rochester Theological Seminary.

Monday

Whiting Concert at 8:15.

DR. SAUNDERS TALKS ON ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Gives Opening Lecture in Series Sponsored By Life

"The Structure of the Atom" was the theme of a liceture given by Dean Arthur P. Saunders in the Chapel on the evening of April 6. The lecture, which was the first of a series to be delvered by members of the Hamilton faculty, was attended by a large and interested crowd of undergraduates who expressed themselves afterward as being decidedly in favor of more lectures on similar topics,

Dr. Saunders, who was introduced by Frederick S. Marquardt, '27, traced the history of theories and discoveries relating to the atom from the time of the early Greeks, who though they had hit upon approximately the idea accepted today, were handicapped by the lack of apparatus to put to test their speculations. He discussed the research of the Middle Ages when avaricious alchemists tried to turn lead to gold, bringing the historical side of the conception down to comparatively modern times, and explaining very clearly many of the theories of atomic structure as they have been developed through the years.

Dr. Saunders pointed out that the atom consists of certain negative and positive particles called electrons and protons. He then discussed their relation to each other from the point of view of the physicist and of the chemist. As yet the two conceptions have not been satisfactorily correlated. The modern idea of the flow of electricity along a conductor was also exposed very graphically and comprehensibly in the light of the atomic theory. In conclusion Dr. Saunders brought up the question of life itself, briefly touching on the theory that all life can be explained in terms of electricity and the atom.

All of Dr. Saunders' charming exposition was illustrated by simple examples, pictures and analogies, so chosen that all of the theories advanced were intelligible to the average man whose acquaintance with chemical and physical phenomena is slight.

The second lecture of the series was given Monday evening by Professor William P. Shepard, who discussed Marcel Proust and his influence on modern literature. Professor Cleveland B. Chase, who will deliver the third lecture, has not announced a topic. The schedule, which will probably be augmented by the addition of several other lectures, is not at present completely arranged. The series is being sponsored by **Hamilton Life.**

ASSOCIATION OF DEANS WILL MEET HERE IN MAY

At the invitation of Dr. Ferry the Association of College Administrative Officers of New England will hold its annual meetings **here May 13 and 14. The Association, which is primarily a club, was organized at Wesleyan in 1907. It consists of deans elected for permanent membership as individual officers, the purpose of the organization being the discussion of** questions of mutual college interest.

There will probably be about 15 members in attendance at the sessions here. A banquet has been planned for the evening of Friday, May 13, and other meetings will be held in the new Administrative Building. Several educators of national importance are expected to be present.

Hamilton's Only Crew Won Fame At Saratoga Regatta in 1875.

Old Shells Now Hanging in Common s Were Used in Largest Intercollegiate Rowing Race Ever Held—Hamilton Crew Made Fine Record in Spite of Many Handicaps.

While every Hamilton man has seen many times the two old fashioned rowing shells which are suspended from the beams in Commons, it is extremely doubtful if more than one man in 20 now in attendance here could tell how they happen to be there. Even if the average undergraduate should know that for one year Hamilton occupied a rather important place in the rowing world, it is doubtful if he realizes that his Alma Mater would have finished fourth in the largest intercollegiate regatta ever held, in its first year in the sport, but for an unfortunate accident that disabled the boat a few yards from the finish line. Truly, those cumbersome looking objects, old and dust-covered though they be, are fraught with story and tradition. To him who knows the story of their brief service they represent a glorious legend of Hamilton pluck and achievement.

It was in the year 1874 that a circular letter was sent to Hamilton, among other colleges in the East, containing an invitation to participate in an intercollegiate regatta, to be held on Lake Saratoga, in the summer of the following year. Rowing was then enjoying a period of great favor among the colleges of the country, and Hamilton, in company with 13 other Eastern colleges, accepted the invitation to send crews to Saratoga. With a display of spirit which Hamilton would do well to emulate today, the undergraduates raised over a thousand dollars by subscription among the alumni and friends of the College, and then proceeded to add $300 themselves. Considering the small number of undergraduates then in college, this speaks very well for the enthusiasm which Hamilton's one venture into rowing aroused.

With the financial side of the venture assured, the next step was to form a crew. From the large number of candidates which the call for men brought out, two boatfuls were chosen, and the men selected settled down to hard and intense practice.

The Hamilton crews practiced on the Mohawk River, and often walked to Utica and back again. Walking over 20 miles, and pulling a heavy cedar practice shell for two hours, would constitute a fair afternoon's workout for the Hamilton athletes of the seventies.

After several months of hard practice, the men who were to row for Hamilton against all the large universities of the East went to Saratoga on June 4, 1875. The coming race, which was to bring together the largest field of entries which any regatta has seen before or since, was the occasion of much speculation, great preparation ,and much press attention. Hamilton's color, which had been orange, was changed to pink, to avoid confusion with Princeton's banner. An amusing incident connected with college colors occurred the day of the race, when the Cornell men let loose over a hundred mud turtles, which they had been collecting for weeks, each painted with the Red of Cornell. Every inch of shore space on the great day was occupied by Cornell colors.

The Hamilton crew, which was daily receiving more attention from the press and from the rowing experts gathered for the great occasion at Saratoga, included the following men: Archibald L. Love, '76; George Griffith, '77; Charles C. Stringer, '76; Edwin M. Brown, '75; Newton N. Cad-

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BASKETBALL PLAYERS ENDORSE NEW RULES

Rules Committee Makes Several Changes in Game

Prevailing opinion among coaches and basketball players on the Hill seems to be practically unanimous in the belief that the changes in rules made recently by the Joint Basketball Rules Committee will considerable improve the court game. The major change is one restricting a dribble to one bound. This was adopted with the express purpose of "eliminating roughness and encouraging team play." Other amendments to the rules provide that time is to be taken out on fouls and that whistling is to be prohibited on jump balls except at the beginning of periods and after time out.

The opinion was expressed by one of the coaches that the new rules will tend to change the game back to its original form. The old game required a great deal more passing and better team work. In recent years the passing game has slowed up and deteriorated considerably. Teams have depended on a single individual to dribble down through his opponents. The one bounce rule will compel teams to resort to a passing game.

One of next year's captains believes that the game will be much faster and that stalling will be greatly reduced. The changes will probably not affect the better teams of the big colleges as much as it will the more poorly coached teams. The best teams have usually resorted to the passing game. Basketball is essentially a team game and the new rules will help to keep it such.

One of the new changes is one requiring time to be taken out on fouls. This is expected to add three to five minutes of playing time to the game. Previously time was taken out only on technical fouls and on personal fouls which called for two or more free throws.

Everyone seems unanimous in believing that the rule reducing the amount of whistling will greatly improve the game. Under the former rules the whistle was blown after each basket and by some referees on shots out of bounds. All this added needless bedlam to a hot game.

The second Literary Supplement of Hamilton Life accompanies this issue of Life to alumni subscribers. The third and last supplement will contain as many of the prize-winning essays and orations as can be included and will be mailed with the Commencement Issue.

NINE OPENS SEASON WITH SYRACUSE GAME

Squad Shows Promise in Two Practice Games

When the umpire's "Play ball" starts the opening game with Syracuse this Saturday, what promises to be one of the best baseball teams seen on the Hill in years will take its position on the field for Hamilton.

Excepting the loss of Capt. Courteau and Martin, last year's nine remains intact. In addition to this aruncovered two twirling aces in Jack ray of veterans, Coach McBride has Morris, who was disabled last year by a bad shoulder, and "Hap" Hassard, the hockey star. The pitching department, with Knox and Donohue of established fame, is the strongest cog in the entire baseball machine.

From the results of practice to date the chances for victory against Syracuse seem fairly bright. As the facts stand the game will be a battle between the good pitching and weak hitting of Hamilton and the good hitting and weak pitching of Syracuse.

Evidence of poor batting eyes, which so greatly handicapped the nine last season, was shown in the two practice games held so far. Playing against a combined scrub and frosh team last Friday, the varsity had its first taste of real pitching, and to judge from its failure to score a single hit, the taste was none too good. Credit for holding the first team hitless goes to Carl Warren, '23, who, back on a visit to the Hill, kindly consented to give the team the benefit of a long twirling experience. At Hamilton Warren pitched regularly during his four year in college, and professional baseball.

On Saturday a complete practice since then has played considerable game was staged with the Danforths Club of Utica. With Morris in the box, the visitors were unable to register a single hit, nor were the College men any more successful. In the fifth inning "Hard" Knox relieved Morris and, although lacking Morris's steam, his tantalizing slow ball and wide assortment of curves held the Uticans scoreless the remainder of the game. Following the Buff and Blue's shift the Danforths also changed pitchers but with a less happy outcome. The game closed with the score 4-0 in Hamilton's favor.

The lineup for the Syracuse game will probably be as follows: Capt. MacLean, 2nd base; Worboys, 1st; Church, ss; Warren, 3rd; Chatfield, catcher; King, lf; Pierce, cf; Hassard, rf; Morris, pitcher.

JACOBSEN AND ROWLEY FILL DUAL CAPTAINCY

After balloting as much as a Democratic National Convention in an attempt to elect a captain for the next season, the basketball squad last week unanimously decided to create a dual captaincy. George Jacobsen of Glen Ridge, N. J., and Reed Rowley of Rochester were selected, the choice being made with the understanding that if either becomes ineligible the captaincy will be forfeited to the other.

The dual captaincy is without precedent and must receive sanction from the Executive Council. According to the Constitution of the Association for Undergraduate Activities, a majority of those voting is necessary for the election. The Executive Council will choose a captain from the two men or amend the Constitution to permit the dual arrangement, this course of action being the more probable. The plan would probably mean that the two would hold the position in alternate games.

COLLEGE MEN UPHOLD IDEALS OF MENCKEN

Majority Belive His Influence Is Highly Beneficial

That Menckenism is really a good thing for the country is the general opinion expressed by a group comprised of several representative seniors and faculty members whom **Life** has queried on the subject. Although there is a difference of opinion on other points concerning Mencken all the members of the group seem to believe that he is basically a benefit.

The concurrence of belief was that Mencken is doing the much needed work of stirring the people of this country, or at least the thinking people of this country, out of the rut of self-satisfied Rotarianism into which they have fallen. From the standpoint of accomplishing such a task they believe that Mencken's work is exerting a worth-while influence.

Among the students it was generally agreed that, for the most part, Mencken was not quite sincere in all his remarks. One Senior says: "Mencken is only half in earnest. He realizes that his iconoclastic attitude is a good business proposition because it sells his magazine. His life as revealed by Goldberg is the opposite of his attitude, which causes me to feel that he does not believe all that he says."

Another student feels that Mencken was at one time entirely sincere in every thing that he said, but bewails the fact that he has changed. "Mencken", he says, "started out to get the truth. Now like all who have reached the top of their profession, he disregards the truth unless it is sensational. Because of his tendency to cater to the sensational he has adopted a more or less distorted view of things."

A few of the group have ventured the opinion that Mencken is nothing more than a "bull in a china shop", and that his attacks on modern conventionalities are altogether unnecessary and exert a harmful influence on the masses of people. These have compared him to a malicious small boy who delights in spoiling other peoples pleasure.

Dr. Hauch has advanced the most concrete opinion on the subject of any man in the group. He believes that his writing is a good influence. He says, "H. L. Mencken is a good antidote to superfluous complacency. He has as little regard for some of

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PROF. PATTON DRILLS LACROSSE CANDIDATES

Though encountering many difficulties in attempting to found a new sport at Hamilton, the lacrosse enthusiasts are making a valiant effort to put their game on an intercollegiate basis.

About fifteen men have been working out regularly each afternoon on the soccer field, and of these 15 a good share are interested in the sport. The large number who had signified their interest in the sport earlier in the season had lead the supporters of the game to expect a much larger squad.

It is expected that a more systematic practice will get under way next week when Prof. Patton will take charge of the squad. Goals will also be set up within the next week.

FENCERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN TOURNAMENT

Place Third in Epee and Fourth in Sabers in Intercollegiate Meet at New York

SUCCESSFUL SEASON ENDS

Defeat Syracuse, Pennsylvania and Columbia

With their participation in the annaul intercollegiate fencing tournament which was held at New York last Thursday and Friday, the Hamilton swordsmen completed a successful year. In the scheduled matches of the season the Hill fencers lost only to Cornell, and won from Syracuse, Pennsylvania, and Columbia.

At the Intercollegiates last week the Buff and Blue team placed fourth in the saber division, Yale winning for the second time in two years. Columbia was second, then Syracuse, Hamilton, Army and Navy.

The West Point epee team also finished without defeat, the Midshipmen and Pennsylvania tying for second place, followed by Hamilton, then Harvard, and M. I. T. Captain "Sid" Britten and Dayton represented Hamilton in the epee events, with Dold and Redmond in the sabers.

The honor of sending representatives to the finals came as the result of bouts held at the U. S. Military Academy Mar. 26. In addition to winning out in the epee and saber events of the qualifying matches, the results gave Hamilton a chance to send three individual championship competitors: Dayton in the foils, Britten in the epees, and Redmond in the sabers. The Hill representatives lost the chance to send their foils aggregation to the finals by a single bout, Cornell winning the foil matches with the Army second. The foils team which tried out at West Point included Dayton, Britten, King and Bookhout. In the West Point matches, the Hill swordsmen demonstrated a stellar type of duelling.

The first meet of the year was with the Alumni fencing team which included the entire foils team that came within one touch of winning the Intercollegiate championship two years ago. The varsity nosed out a win over

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MUSICAL CLUBS RECEIVE COMMENDATION ON TRIP

According to a statement by A. Stanley Osborne, musical director at Skidmore College, the recital of the Hamilton College Musical Clubs which he attended at Yonkers was "the best college glee club presentation I have ever heard." Such, in general, were the criticisms that were received by the clubs at the majority of their performances. The eight-day trip, made during the spring vacation was an unqualified success, whether viewed from a musical or a social standpoint.

The first concert was at Gloversville on the evening of March 25, to which place the organiation was taken from the Hill by taxi Friday afternoon. At Connecticut College the next night, the wandering minstrels were regaled with a dinner and dance that would outshine many a prom. From Saturday until the Huntington concert Tuesday night the men were free, the headquarters of the organization being at the Prince George Hotel, New York. Wednesday night a large and appreciative audience in the new Yonkers High School auditorium was charmed by the crooning and the syncopation of the warblers and the jazzists from the college on the Hill. Thursday night a concert was given at the Boys' High School of Brooklyn.

The cilmax of the trip was the special concert and reunion and dance for the New York alumni in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. An anticlimax, but on the whole a most pleasing one, to Friday was the final stand at Southampton Saturday to the Grand Central in New York night. A bus ride from Southampton early Sunday morning was the last official event in the longest and most successful trip that has been taken by the musical clubs of Hamilton for over 10 years.

Too much credit for the efficient directing of their respective organization cannot be given to the leaders, Whitbeck and Preston, and the comtetent business generalship of Manager Jones deserves considerable comment.

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Seymour M. Pitcher
News Editor

THIS DISBELIEVING FACULTY

The signs of the times seem to indicate that something radical is happening to the College. Hamilton men, as a whole, despite weighty precedence, are to all appearances actually developing what gives evidence of being a more than ephemeral intellectual curiosity, even though certain quite representative members of our Faculty have time and time again been heard to asseverate that no one in college really wants to learn anything any more.

Obviously we are not implying that every undergraduate on the Hill has suddenly seen a mysterious vision of the glories of Learning and that from now on every Biology and Math textbook will have its covers torn off and its pages worn down in the course of a year's service at the hands of an earnest, truth-seeking Hamilton student, nor even that in the future no one will so much as think of dozing in Public Speaking Chapel. It is, however, almost conclusive evidence that something is happening when over half of the College comes forth on a rainy night to hear a lecture on the structure of the atom, and goes away not merely surprised, but actually stimulated and quite ready to support further lectures of a similar nature. This, despite the fact that it had been prophesied that not more than a handful would have the interest to attend.

And even to the most casual observer it must be apparent that there is something at work bringing literature and logic and sometimes science more and more to the fore in normal undergraduate conversation, to the partial exclusion of baseball, morality, and compulsory Chapel attendance.

All the same, it is as true as ever that, if a man attempts to discuss with his instructor a book which is pertinent to the course and which he has voluntarily read outside, he will, at least six times out of ten, have to content himself with a somewhat dilatory "That's good," and go away resolved never to make himself a nuisance again. The disbelieving Faculty is quite as skeptical as ever, and quite as unwilling as ever to conceive of a student's actually having some other motive than the antiquated one of suping, when he tries to talk personally to his instructor about this or that matter connected with the work. Of course, his every request must be a little suspicious. His every act must need considerable watching. His every opinion must be more or less ridiculous.

The result is obvious. The student keeps silence and thinks the instructor prejudiced. The instructor thinks the student indifferent and hesitates to encourage him in original work. And accordingly the very ideal of close relationship between faculty and student, the much boasted "advantage" of the small college, has little more worth than the paper upon which it is set forth in the Bulletin, issued four times a year in November, December, April and July.

S. M. P., '28.

RUBBISH

The worst display of judgment which has emanated in many a month from those in charge of the physical aspects of the Hamilton Campus is, in our opinion, the decision to use the juncture of the North Road and Roger's Glen for a college dump under the pretext of building up the road. A culvert has been extended about twenty feet upstream from the road crossing Rogers' Glen and is being rapidly covered with ashes, tin cans, and dismantled automobiles. Already smoke is curling up from the persistent fires which accompany all dumps and already the odors, without which no dump exists, are being wafted on the gentle breezes.

The argument that the dumping is merely an expeditious means of filling, which will in time lead to elevating and broadening the road, seems to us a particularly specious one. The minimum drop of ten or fifteen feet will require months, if not years, to fill, and once filled, will make far from satisfactory foundation on which to build a road. Furthermore, there is no particular reason for either elevating or widening the road at this point.

In selecting this spot for a dump, the authorities are spoiling one of the prettiest places in the campus. The ravine is the only object of its kind on the campus and its natural beauty should be preserved. Of course, the avermembers of the faculty never see it. But the road is being increasingly used by men who desire to start the golf course from the Fifth Tee. Above age student passes this particular section of Rogers' Glen rarely and the all, the men who live in the North Annex and in the Deke Annex must pass this unsightly mess from two to six times a day. Present indications are that at least the North Annex will be used as a dorm next year, which means that other undergraduates will be exposed to the same nuisance. If there is any plausible reason for using this particular site for a dump, we fail to see it.

CAPTAINCY ELECTIONS

(Being, Perhaps, a Study in Sour Grapes)

Exchanging our role of moralist for that of historian, we wish to record briefly a transition which seems to have taken place in the elections of captains at Hamilton. The established tradition, both here and elsewhere, has been to elect the ranking junior player at the end of his third season to captain the team during his senior year. The present tendency seems to be to elect the junior whose fraternity brothers are most numerous among the letter men. In support of this statement, we need only to point out that four of the five captains elected this year belong to the crowd which has the most letter men on that particular team.

Let it be clearly understood that we do not decry the new custom. Nor do we cast any reflections upon the men elected to the various captaincies. Each of them will undoubtedly make an excellent leader for his team. But we do wish to show that captaincies have become a crowd, rather than an individual, honor. Nor do we object in the slightest to the change. Undoubtedly the crowd which has supplied the most varsity players has done more for the good of the entire team than has any individual player, no matter how brilliant.

Since, however, the crowd has replaced the individual in captaincy elections, why not recognize the fact openly? At future elections, men should vote for a crowd and not for an individual. Immediately following the lineup of the team on game programs or any kind of summaries could be added the name of the crowd which that year held the captaincy. Such a plan, once worked out and put into operation, would remove much of the hard feeling which now arises following disputed elections.

LAST WHITING CONCERT WILL BE HELD MONDAY

On Monday evening, Apr. 25, the Arthur Whiting concert originally scheduled for last January, will be given. Arthur Whiting, whose ability is well known among the undergraduates, will be the sole entertainer. His instrument will be the pianoforte.

The program.

Beethoven, 1770-1827, Sonata, quasi una fantasia, C sharp minor, op. 27; Adagio sostenuto, Allegretto, Presto agitato.

Brahms, 1833-1897, Intermezzo, A flat, op. 76; Rhapsodie, E flat, op. 119.

Albeniz, 1861-1910, Asturias, Evocation.

Debussy, 1862-1918, Prelude, Sarabande, Toccata.

Chopin, 1809-1849, Etudes, op. 25, I A flat, II C sharp minor; Scherzo, Marche Funebre (from Sonata, B flat minor, op. 35.)

Liszt, 1811-1886, Gnomenreigen.

HAMILTON CREW WON FAME AT SARATOGA

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well, '76, and Glentworth R. Butler, '77. Speaking of these men, the New York World for June 8, 1875, declared: "They pull 20 miles a day. Out in the morning at 9:20, clear down to Moon's and back, in a gig with a coxswain; out again in the middle of the afternoon for a leisurely three miles; out again near sunset for another drop down the lake and back; a little club-swinging between times, and once in a while a short walk. On the whole it is a pretty hard day's work and not to be lightly regarded by anyone concerned."

One of the "toughest" of the many "tough" breaks which came to the Hamilton crew was the delay in receiving their racing shell, so that they had but four days to accustom themselves to a shell, different in every way from the practice boat which they had been using. The whole rowing world was looking with interest at Hamilton's rowing experiment, and with admiration at the spirit shown by the undergraduates and by the members of the crew. Speaking of their latest hard luck, the rowing correspondent of the New York Evening Post wrote on July 10, only four days before the race: "Hamilton College has been very unfortunate and deserves the commiseration of everyone. They have met with a series of the most provoking disappointments. They have learned to row under the most discouraging circumstances. Fancy young men traveling 11 miles to their boats. They worked steadily on, and now, four days before the regatta, they have only rowed once in a shell, and that was one they borrowed from Columbia. Their shell has, however, arrived at last, and they will row in her for the first time this evening."

In athletic parlance, the day of the race dawned bright and fair. To make a sad story short, after rowing a magnificent race, in a manner which aroused the most extravagant compliments from the entire crowd of participants and spectators, the Hamilton crew was pulling strongly in fourth place, with only a few yards to go, when one of her men "caught a crab," disabled two oars and the boat, and lost the race. Even after the disaster, Hamilton finished eighth and defeated Princeton, Union, Williams, Amherst, and Brown. For a new crew, rowing their first race, even eighth place was considered phenomenal.

Thus occurred the first and greatest of Hamilton's moral victories, this time one which brought much glory to the "college on the hill-top." The spirit which the college displayed in Hamilton's only rowing venture will ever serve as a shining example of Hamlton's courage and determination.

COLLEGE MEN UPHOLD IDEALS OF MENCKEN

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the stupid conventionalities of the English language as for other stupid conventionalities." He feels that where there is a question between effectiveness and custom in writing, Mencken is perfectly justified in disregarding the rule in order to secure effectiveness. At any rate he considers Mencken is good reading whatever the content.

"Mencken," Dr. Hauch said, "has a considerable influence in combatting shams. He influences even those who are opposed to him because he makes them more open minded, therefore doing the work that he is intended for. The chief reason for this effect is because he makes sluggish complacency more difficult."

With respect to the question of sincerity, Dr. Hauch, believes that it makes no difference whether he is sincere or not as long as he accomplishes the work and as long as he drives or draws the people to open-mindedness and intellectual effort.

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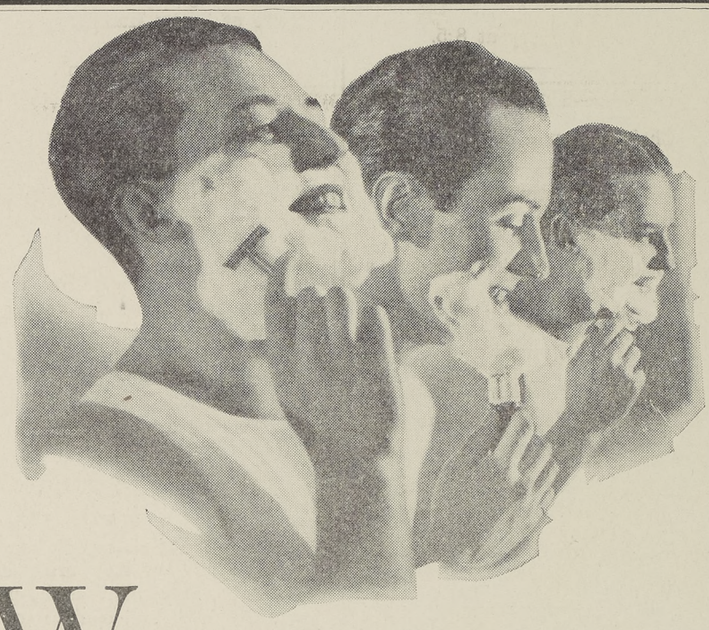

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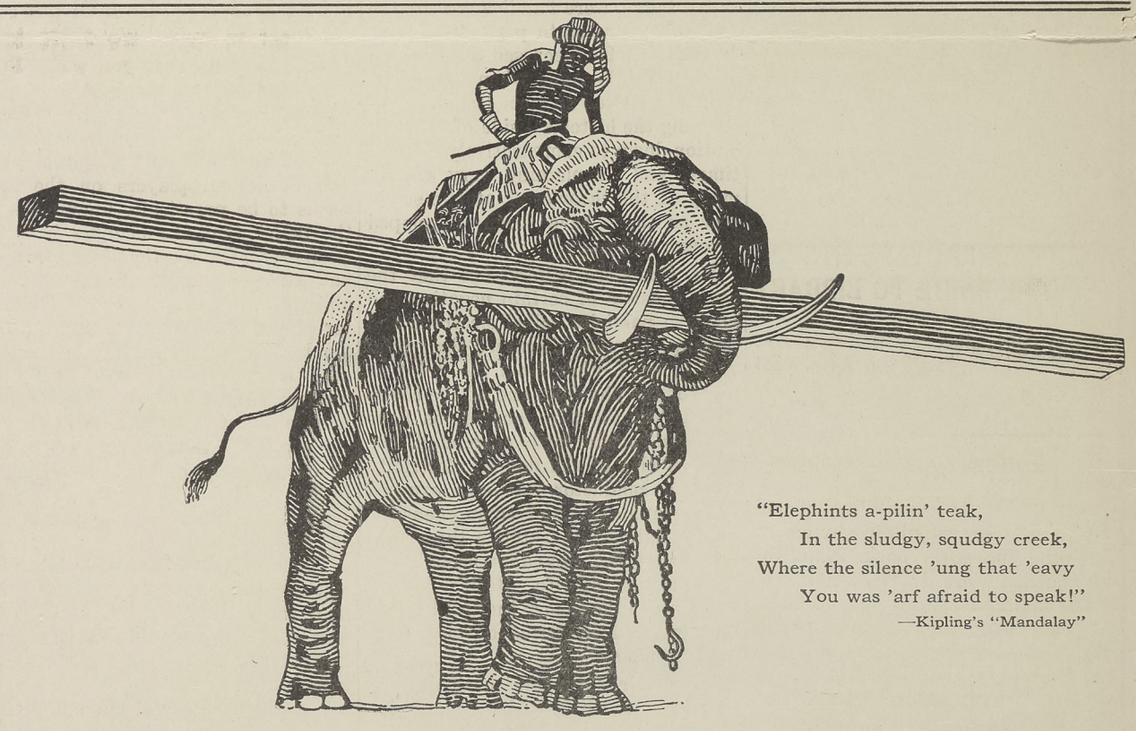

"Elephints a-pilin' teak,
In the sludgy, squdgy creek,
Where the silence 'ung that 'eavy
You was 'arf afraid to speak!"
—Kipling's "Mandalay"

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Culled from the pages of "The Wells College Chronicle": "The Hamilton College Dramatic Club, the Charletons (the girls' spelling, not ours), presented 'The Yellow Jacket'....The Chinese idea was there, if not the true Chinese spirit....At best it is always amusing to see a man take a girl's part. When he appears in white, gray, or yellow pajamas, as the case may be, the result is even more ridiculous. Add to this, high voices, mincing steps and would-be graceful motions with a fan, and it is not hard to understand how much of the original beauty of the play was lost in this interpretation ....Although we cannot quite understand the Charleton's (still the girls' spelling) choice of a play, we must admire them for their courage and originality in undertaking it." And we have refrained for all these weeks from making any remarks about the orchestra at the dance which followed the play. To say nothing about the audience which tittered when one of Hamilton's debaters made a reference to Lydia Pankhurst. Or about a performance of "Dear Brutus" which put us to sleep at Aurora last December. But we'll know better next time.

* * *

Bill Squires: "Who is my neighbor?"
Soporific Sophomore: "Merz."

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UTICA HIGH LIFE

A man's a fool, who'd walk a mile,
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* * *

"A Little Greek is a dangerous thing," muttered the man who left the Dean's office with his third delinquency safely stowed away in his breast pocket.

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Mixing the Metaphors

Good for any K. P. which follows the established dictum, "Think Stuff Not Wanted": Seizing the reins of the ship of statee, Hindenburg opened wide the throttle.

* * *

Oh! You Nasty Old Roughneck!

"There seems to be an intellectual atmosphere at Hamilton, while at Colgate they seem to emphasize something else." Let's all be on time for tea, fellows, and for Gawd's sake, don't show anybody Rogers' Glen.

* * *

RIMED SERMON

A member of the senior class
Was heard, the other day,
To ruefully bemoan the fact
That spring had come to stay. (?)

As far as winter sport's concerned
"It isn't that I like the snow
And all its icy powers, but
I haven't got the hours."

He racked his brain and scratched his head
And swore just once or twice,
But he couldn't sign for skating
When there wasn't any ice.

Now his diary was most complete,
He kept, as was his way,
An accurate accounting of
The weather every day.

So he made a strict notation
Of the days when it was cold,
Then he marched right up to Kitty
And this brazen lie he told:

"I skated on the twentieth,
And skiid the twenty-first,"
And so on—till he showed
The honor system at its worst.

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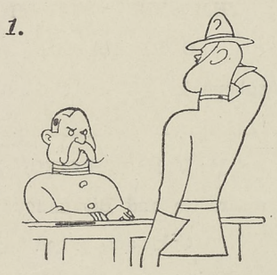

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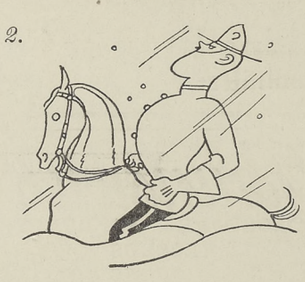

"Righto!" replied "Fearless Dan" O'Connor, the trooper who had never failed to get his man. "That's a cinch," he said to himself as he mounted his horse and rode out into the Canadian wilderness.

3.

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The principal address of the evening was deliverel by President Ferry, who outlined recent developments on the Hill, describing in particular the renovation of Knox Hall. Dr. Ferry also spoke of the methods employed in selecting the present freshman class from a group of about 300 applicants for admission. He pointed out that men must now be at least in the third quarter of their secondary school class to qualify for admission and that a man in this lowest group must, in addition, have some outstanding characteristic. A quarter of the classes now come preparatory schools with much better preparation in the classics than in former years.

Among the other speakers were Theodore Collier, '94, of Brown University, Carlyle Yates. '23, and Douglas Hays, '25, of Harvard. Elihu Root was expected to speak at the meeting but was prevented by illness. Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law School was also unable to speak, owing to a previous engagement.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:president, Dr. N. E. Paine, '74, West Newton, Mass.; vice-president, W. H. S. Cole, '14, Worcester, Mass.; secretary, W. P. Blood, '14, Winchester, Mass.; treasurer, L. D. Bates, '24, Harvard Law School.

CHOIR PLANS CONCERTS FOR SPRING SEASON

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ry C. Goodwin, '01. The next evening, Sunday, May 1, the choir will sing in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo. John W. Van Allen, '02, head of the alumni association of that district, is largely responsible for making this concert possible. The members of the choir will be guests of Mrs. Dold at lunch that Sunday. The choir will leave Buffalo in the evening directly after the concert and will arrive on the Hill the next morning.

On the evening of May 13 the choir will sing in the Eisteddfod at Utica. This will be a competition to select the best choir among the colleges of the east. It is run by a large Welsh musical society. This competition is only one of a number run by this organization. The Eisteddfod is an annual affair and though Hamilton has been asked to participate in other years, the fact that it was customarily held on New Year's made it impossible for the Buff and Blue to enter. The competition will probably be held in the Armory at Utica, though it may be necessary, because of the magnitude of the competition, to hold it in a large circus tent.

Sunday, May 15, the choir will sing in Rome, and on June 19 will complete its schedule of performances with the usual Commencement concert.

FENCERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

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this aggregation by the score of 9-8.

In their first intercollegiate match of the year, the Buff and Blue fencers were badly defeated by the Cornell team. The first showing of the epee and saber teams was admittedly something of a disappointment. Undoubtedly profiting by the experience of this disaster, the Hamilton fencers were strengthened for the third meet, which was with Syracuse. No stellar work was featured, the Hill men easily winning by a 10-7 score.

In the next contests both Syracuse and Pennsylvania were met in a triangular fray. The Hamilton score was 21 as compared to 19 for Penn and 11 for Syracuse. The Hill swordsmen defeated both teams, Penn by 9-8 and Syracuse 12-5. The match with Pennsylvania was closely contested and was decided only by a victory in the final saber bout. Each of the Hamilton fencers worked well, the whole team showing a decided improvement over past performances.

In the last intercollegiate meet before the semi-finals, the Buff and Blue fencers downed Columbia by an 11-6 score. In spite of the large difference in score, the matches were closely contested, many of them being won by 5-4 decisions.

The winning of the epee and saber matches at West Point, as well as the subsequent participation in the New York bouts at the Waldorf Astoria is a great honor to Hamilton, reflecting credit both on Coach Gelas and the entire team. The New York meet was the last in which Capt. Britten, Dayton, Bookhout and Dold will participate.

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Emerson Literary Society	76.23
Chi Beta Sigma	76.03
Psi Upsilon	76.02
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Sigma Phi	74.522
Neutrals	74.520
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.12
Delta Upsilon	73.91
Chi Psi	73.75
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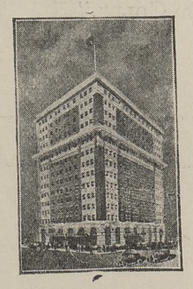
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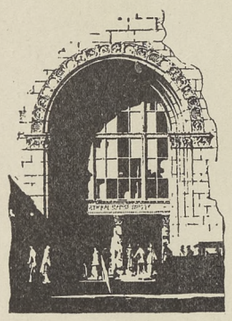
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